

Sustainable Spotlight

Efforts to preserve and protect Bloomington's natural resources include developing a comprehensive storm water quality improvement program and **UPGRADING THE STORM WATER SYSTEM** to improve capacity and water quality.



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

BLOOMINGTON'S CHARTER provides for a council-manager government. The stability of our organization is reflected in the City having had only two city managers in the last 42 years.

The City Council and Mayor, who serve part time, are elected by the people, exercise legislative power and determine all City policies. Advisory boards and commissions gather information and advise the City Council on specific issues. Policy development and day-to-day operations are directed by the Council-appointed City Manager. The City Manager oversees the eight departments and the Technical Services Group that carry out the services, activities and policies of the City of Bloomington.



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Years the City has had a
WATER EMERGENCY AND CONSERVATION PLAN.



YOUR TAX DOLLARS HARD AT WORK

WHAT THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER PAYS

RESENTERS RECEIVE a wide variety of City services at an affordable price. The cost of City services in 2009 for the owner of a median-priced, single-family home in Bloomington with an assessor's market value of \$242,800 is \$65.17 per month. Utilities also remain competitively priced in 2009. The value received from City services compares favorably to charges for other monthly bills.

Net property tax cost is obtained by subtracting all revenue sources other than the property tax from departmental expenditures. Water and sewer utilities are fee-based.

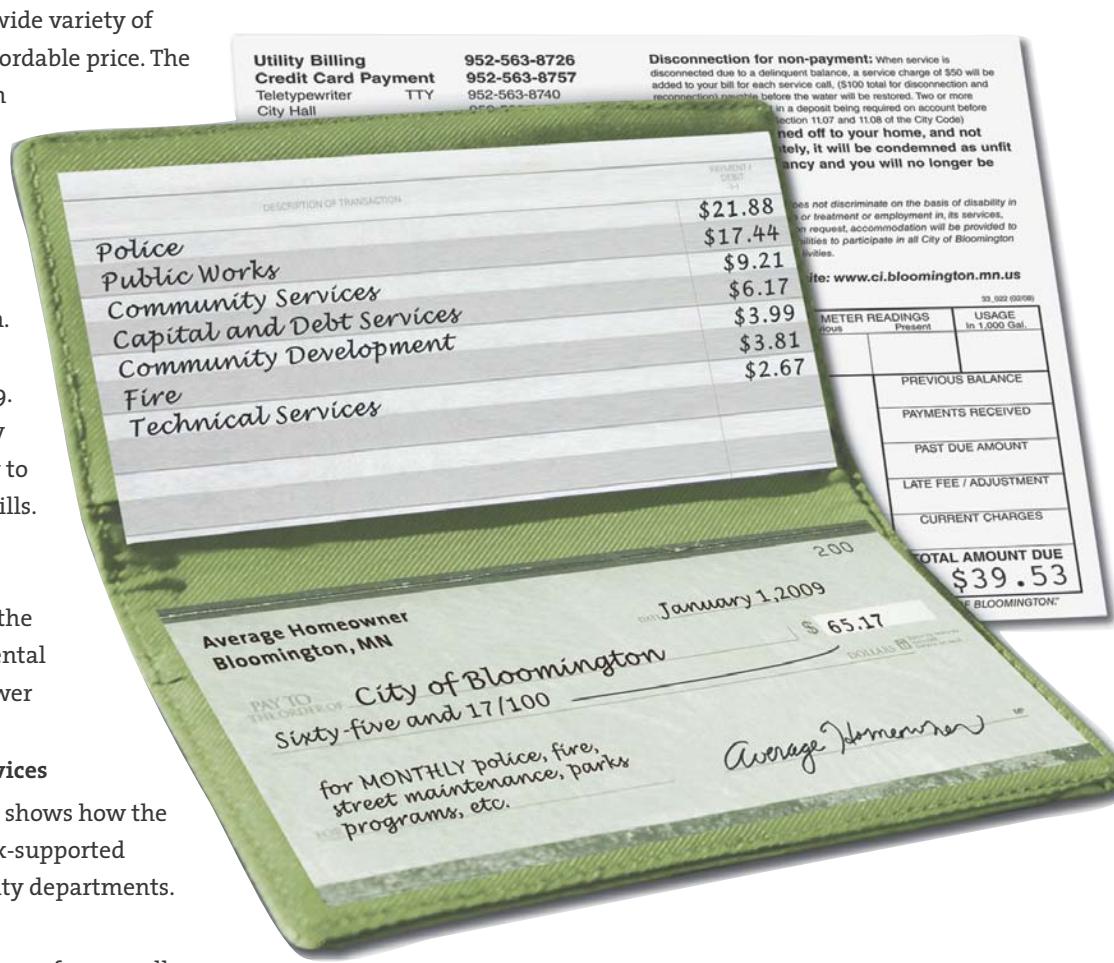
Property tax-supported services

The checkbox, at right, shows how the monthly cost of property tax-supported services is divided among City departments.

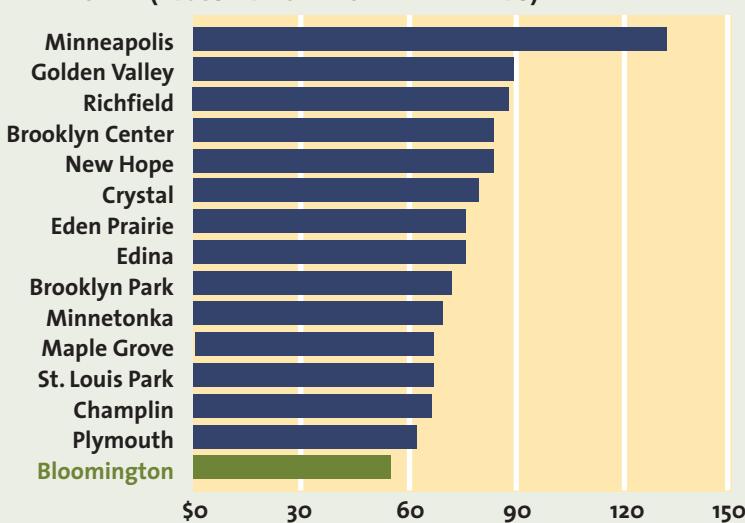
Monthly cost of utilities

Based on an average usage of 7,500 gallons per month, monthly cost of utilities for a home in Bloomington is \$39.53 in 2009. Services include water, sewer, stormwater and solid waste. See page 7 for more information on Utility costs.

Note: Water bills are mailed bimonthly and average \$79.06 per bill.



2009 SINGLE-FAMILY MONTHLY PROPERTY TAX PER MONTH (ADJUSTED FOR PROPERTY TAX AIDS)



This graph depicts the monthly property tax-related service costs for the median-valued home in each city. Adjustments have been made to account for Local Government Aid and fiscal disparities.

MEETING DEMANDS WITH QUALITY CITY SERVICES

BLOOMINGTON RANKS WELL IN COMPARISON

THE CITY continues to meet the needs of its residents while constantly looking for ways to improve and keep costs affordable. In a 2009 comparison of 15 communities in Hennepin County with more than 20,000 residents, the cost of City services for a single-family home in Bloomington ranked lowest at \$54.76, after adjusting for Local Government Aid and fiscal disparities. The graph at left illustrates the cost effectiveness of Bloomington services in terms of what the average homeowner pays around the metro area.

YOUR 2009 TAX DOLLAR

YOUR TAX DOLLAR is divided among several governmental entities. As the graphic shows, for every dollar of taxes paid, 29 cents are for City services. The actual amount of taxes owed is based on market value, tax law and the levy. The levy for all local governmental entities is spread across properties within each entity's respective boundaries using tax capacity, a function of market value and property type. After applying educational aids, a Bloomington homeowner with a median-valued home pays \$2,723 in property taxes. Of that, \$782, or \$65.17 per month, goes to the City for services. The remaining \$1,941 goes to the School District, County and other taxing districts.



34¢ Hennepin County

29¢ City of Bloomington

28¢ Bloomington School District

9¢ Other agencies

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Private buildings that have, or will soon have, **LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) certification.**



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NATURAL PRAIRIES in Bloomington that the City protects and restores.

